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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR ASWAN MARCH 7, AS REQUESTED REFTEL:

QUOTE:

I AM HAPPY TO BE BACK IN EGYPT WITH MY EGYPTIAN FRIENDS. I HAVE COME AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND MY FRIEND, THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO CONTINUE THE GOOD OFFICES OF MY GOVERNMENT IN OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES WHICH FOR 26 YEARS HAVE IMPEDED THE DESIRE OF ALL PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR A JOINT AND LASTING PEACE.

I AM BEGINNING MY MISSION HERE IN ASWAN, WHERE 14 MONTHS AGO THE WISE AND FARSIGHTED STATESMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT SADAT MADE POSSIBLE A FIRST, CONCRETE STEP TOWARD THIS GOAL. IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE, AND THE HOPE OF PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THAT OUR NEW ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS HERE WILL RESULT IN ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD A JUST, COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SETTLEMENT.

IN PRESIDENT SADAT'S PHRASE, THE TENSE SITUATION IN THIS VITAL AREA OF THE WORLD MUST BE "DEFUSED". I AM HERE TO DO WHAT I CAN TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

UNQUOTE.

- 2. RE TOASTS. IN NONE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISITS TO EGYPT HAVE TOASTS BEEN EXCHANGED. IN ASWAN, MEALS WILL BE INFORMAL. AS IN JANUARY 1974, ONLY AVAILABLE "DINING ROOM" IS SMALL BAR IN HOTEL WHERE TABLE FOR 10 OR SO WILL BE SET UP. ON OTHER OCCASIONS MEALS WILL BE BUSINESS LUNCHEONS OR DINNERS WITHOUT TOASTS.
- 3. REFTEL REQUESTS DEPARTURE STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY CAIRO ALWAYS EAGER TACKLE CHALLENGING PROBLEMS, THIS ONE SEEMS TO US TO REQUIRE CLAIRVOYANCE. TENOR OF DEPARTURE REMARKS MUST, OF COURSE, BE DETERMINED BY PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY CASE, WE ANTICIPATE MORE THAN ONE DEPARTURE. EMBOFF WILL BE ON HAND IN ASWAN AT ALL TIMES READY TO SUPPLY REQUESTED DRAFTS IN LIGHT EVOLVING DISCUSSIONS.

4. TRUST ABOVE IS SATISFACTORY. EILTS

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